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■ Teenager who raped OAP to be caged for two years

# ANGER AT SENTENCE

By Oliver Evans

**RESIDENTS on a Banbury estate have hit out at a minimum two-year sentence handed to a 14-year-old boy who raped an OAP during the Remembrance weekend.**

Hardwick residents said they were "disgusted" at the sentence for the boy, who will only be released when doctors are satisfied he has been rehabilitated.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, conned his way into the 77-year-old's home on the estate by saying he wanted to talk about the Second World War, as part of a school project.

A judge refused to allow the media to name him after being told he had been "mentally damaged" by his upbringing.

His alcoholic father walked out on his mother at an early age and the boy was around domestic violence incidents involving his mother's boyfriends, Judge Patrick Eccles was told.

But Hardwick residents were angry about the sentence.

Decorator Neil Jones, 46, said: "It's not enough." The Kerry Close resident added: "It should have been a damn sight longer. It should have been 15 to 20 years."

An OAP, who did not want to be named, said: "That is what they all come out with - 'I had a bad childhood'. Surely, if you had a bad childhood you would try to make it better for yourself. The sentence should be at least five years."

Frensham Close resident Denise Dyer, 57, said: "It should be life, and he should be named and shamed."

A young mother, who did not want to be named, said: "It is disgusting. Two years isn't enough. You have your own mind. I have had some trouble in my past but I haven't done anything horrible like that."

But Adele Wilding, 70, of Winchelsea Close, said the sentence was "sufficient", adding: "You have to show compassion. He might be able to do something with his life."

At Oxford Crown Court on Friday, Judge Eccles branded the November 12 attack "cruel and humiliating".

He said: "This was planned. It was not an impulsive attack. It was sexual and you had persistence."

"She can be proud of the efforts she made to protect herself and you should be ashamed of yourself for not stopping."

He was told that in a letter to the judge the victim and her family had demonstrated "empathy and grace" in their reaction to the defendant.

The boy was jailed for an indeterminate time, with a minimum of two years in youth custody.

Speaking in November, the victim said: "I'm trying to continue with my life as normal as I can, but I will never be able to forget what he did to me."

Lisa Ward, of the county-wide Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre, said the case showed the "myth" that rape was "linked to sexual gratification".

She said: "In reality, rape is a desire for power and control."



**Binoculars at the ready for the big birdwatch event - See Page 9**



**Plea for industrial sites - Page 8**



William Vinson

## 'Campaign' of a conman

A "DESPICABLE" distraction burglar tricked his way into more than 100 homes in a "deliberate campaign that continued week after week".

William Vinson posed as a friendly new neighbour, a council worker or an inspector from the electricity board as he targeted victims aged 79 to 94.

The 59-year-old from Chipping Norton left a trail of "damage and destruction" across nine counties over a two-year period.

In Great Haseley, South Oxfordshire, victim Joyce Allen never recovered from the effects of Vinson's deception.

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# Trick 'affected OAP victim's health' Jailed for his 'despicable' crime spree

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The 78-year-old, known locally as "The Queen" and described by her daughter as "sociable and friendly", died four months after she lost about £300.

In a statement, her daughter Patricia Medicott said: "She felt extremely stupid for what had happened. It's as though her pride took a massive knock."

"In the five minutes it took this man to burgle her it changed her whole life."

Mrs Medicott said her mother's health deteriorated sharply after the incident in August, adding: "She had said she could see the burglar wherever she was. I truly believe the medical problems were all as a result of the burglary."

At Oxford Crown Court on Friday, Vinson was jailed for nine years after previously admitting 11 burglaries and asking for 90 other burglaries to be taken into consideration.

The total cash value of his crimes was assessed at about £15,000.

Prosecutor Jonathan Stone said Vinson, of Cotswold Terrace, Chipping Norton, had "three modus operandi".

He said: "This case concerns what are known as distraction burglaries. This is where a burglar adopts a particular persona in order to trick his way into a house and distract often elderly residents while he stole items of value."

"This defendant adopted three particular MOs. He would either say 'I'm your new neighbour' or 'I'm from social services and welfare' using a bogus ID card, or say 'I'm from the electricity board'."

Mr Stone said Vinson, who has 35

previous offences to his name, used the pseudonym Dave Knight and would often pose as a new neighbour who needed change for large bank notes to pay a plumber.

When his victims went to fetch their money, he would note the location of their purse or handbag and ask for a bucket of water.

While the water was being fetched he would steal the money.

Vinson's other victims included elderly residents in Southmoor, Checkendon and Stoke Row, as well as dozens of others in neighbouring counties.

Robert English, defending, said: "Mitigation in a case such as this is not always the easiest of tasks. I'm not going to pretend there could be anything attractive about any of the features of the various cases that are before the court."

He said his client was "absolutely ashamed" and "deeply regretted" his actions.

Judge Anthony King jailed Vinson for nine years.

He said: "This was a deliberate and calculated campaign targeted at elderly persons aged between 79 and 94 committed over at least nine counties and committed knowing that you were going to be entering the homes of strangers; all elderly, some infirm, many living on their own."

"Having breached that trust, you then stole from each of them. These offences can only be described as despicable and it's not just the occasional offence but a deliberate campaign continued week after week."



Celebrity chef Marco Pierre White

## Celebrity chef to take over local pub

CELEBRITY chef Marco Pierre White is to take over a north Oxfordshire pub.

The *Hell's Kitchen* star has bought The Black Boy Inn at Milton.

Bar supervisor Hannah Abraham said trade had already picked up as rumours spread and the chef was expected to take over in a few weeks.

She said: "It is exciting. The word has spread very quickly."

"A lot of people know who he is and come here more often, hoping to see him."

"Business has picked up a little bit. I think it will definitely pull more people in."

The pub has been sold by Bespoke Hotels to the chef, who has set up a firm to manage it.

Changes to the menu and interior were possible, she said, adding: "We don't know anything at all, just that our jobs are secure."

"He came here and loved it. He enjoyed the way we served him. He liked the relaxed atmosphere."

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## Priest on child sex charges

THE trial of the former priest of St John's Roman Catholic Church, Banbury, has begun at Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court.

Alexander Bede Walsh, of Abbots Bromley, near Rugeley, denies 25 charges of sexually assaulting seven boys over a 20-year period.

The 57-year-old's trial is expected to last for three weeks.



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**Oxbridge success rate**

■ **MORE** schoolchildren from Oxfordshire get into Oxbridge than anywhere else in the country, apart from Surrey, new figures have shown. The Department of Business, Innovation and Skills revealed that in 2009-2010, Oxfordshire had the second highest number of successful Oxbridge applicants, with 210 both state and independent candidates.

**Back to the shop floor**

■ **A BLOG** has been set up by managers of Oxfordshire's community and mental health trust who have gone "back to the floor" in a bid to see first-hand the rewards and frustrations. See [oxford.health.nhs.uk/back-to-the-floor](http://oxford.health.nhs.uk/back-to-the-floor)

■ Bulk-buying partnership that has led to big cut in heating bills

# Community oil scheme rolls out

By Samantha McGregor

**A SCHEME to bulk-buy heating oil, which has saved Oxfordshire residents tens of thousands of pounds, has been rolled out across the country.**

Launched in 2010 by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and Chris Pomfret, who runs Community Buying unLimited, the partnership has already saved people up to £71,151 by clubbing together to buy heating oil.

Now the win-win initiative is set to bring in extra cash for the charity-run rural council after it was packaged up and sold as a franchise to other councils.

So far 19 of the 37 other Rural Community Partnerships in the country have bought into the scheme.

Households pay £20 a year to be part of the co-operative and place their order through a local co-ordinator.

Mr Pomfret then negotiates a price with oil companies on behalf of everyone.

And because he is buying in bulk,

now in the region of 400,000 litres at a time, he gets the best price.

Linda Watson, chief executive of ORCC, said: "Environmentally it reduces the carbon footprint of oil tankers, as an oil supplier goes to a community once and that saves the supplier's costs.

"People are saving money and it's advantageous for oil suppliers as it's saving them transport costs and they are also getting customers handed to them on a plate.

"We are doing the marketing for them and sorting the logistics.

"We have still got other councils coming back to us wanting to join."

It was Mr Pomfret, who was running an oil syndicate, who saw the potential of expanding the service, and approached the rural council.

Together they worked out the logistics of the scheme.

Last year the group bought a total 662,000 litres of oil and that is set to rise.

Ms Watson said: "Although my intention had been to demonstrate this could work in Oxfordshire, it became clear it could be replicated in other

counties. What we did was package it up into a franchise and made it available.

"Chris now negotiates on behalf of all the rural community councils."

North Oxfordshire MP Tony Baldry said: "I think it's a brilliant scheme which enables people to come together and be confident they can purchase heating oil at the most competitive price at the time."



ABOVE: ORCC chief Linda Watson  
LEFT: Banbury MP Tony Baldry



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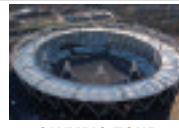
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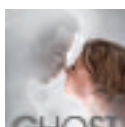
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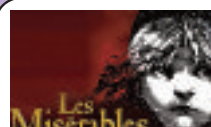
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■ Olympics and holidays could hit vital stocks

# Blood: danger that lies ahead

By Fran Bardsley  
and Rhianne Pope

**HEALTH bosses fear a "perfect storm" of events could see blood donations dramatically drop.**

Staff from the NHS Blood and Transplant service have warned events such as the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee could lead to a serious fall in the number of donors.

An average 1,300 units of blood are collected by people in Oxfordshire each week.

But this dropped to just 921 in the week after Christmas, a time when people are traditionally busy.

Donor relations manager Dominic Sutherland said: "The main problem is that a string of Bank



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"People may be taking extended holidays, potentially going to the events themselves or may even just be distracted.

"It's going to be an exciting year for the UK but we're concerned that the cluster of major events could dramatically impact

the number of blood donations coming in."

A football World Cup quarter-final and Wimbledon semi-final in early July 2010 led to 851 fewer donations nationally than the same day a year earlier.

And there were thousands fewer donations nationally over the extra run of Bank Holidays around Easter and the Royal Wedding in 2011.

On average, big hospitals can use more than 500 units of blood each week.

Each unit, which is just under a pint at 470ml, can save three adult lives or seven babies.

Mr Sutherland said: "The need for blood in Oxfordshire and across the country is constant."

About two million units of blood will be needed nationwide in 2012 and the blood service has estimated it needs the equivalent of 500 extra donations each week in the first six months.

The aim is to help build blood stocks and provide extra resources for those visiting the country to watch or participate in the Olympics.

So far, blood donation staff in Oxfordshire have collected 31,000 units of blood for the 2011-2012 financial year. Their target is 42,000.

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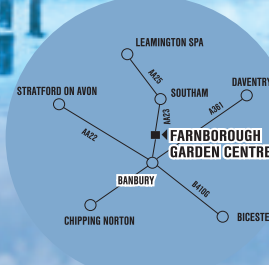
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# Inquest verdict on railway track death Teen died after police interview

By Andy Ffrench

**A TEENAGER, who died after being hit by a train, had been interviewed by police earlier the same day about a burglary, an inquest heard.**

Oxford Coroner's Court was told that Jordan Quinn, of Warwick Road, Banbury, died from multiple injuries after being hit by the freight train at Little Borton on March 18 last year.

Until about an hour before he died, the 19-year-old and three other men were being interviewed by police at Banbury police station on suspicion of the theft of a motorcycle from a garage.

But the hearing was told no one knew where Mr Quinn went immediately after leaving the police sta-

tion, until the time he died. Police were called to the railway line shortly before 7.45pm.

In documentary evidence, train driver Jonathan Ascher told the inquest that his 25-wagon train, destined for Manchester, was travelling at 66mph when he saw someone standing on the track.

He said: "I immediately tried to stop the train by turning the power off and applying the emergency brakes."

But shortly afterwards, the court was told, Mr

Ascher heard a loud bang and realised that he must have struck a person on the track.

Coroner Nicholas Gardiner told the court the post-mortem examination showed Mr Quinn had died from multiple injuries.

Following the death of Mr Quinn, the professional standards department of Thames Valley Police conducted an investigation after liaising with the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Mick Meeks, who conducted the investigation,

said CCTV footage from Banbury police station showed Mr Quinn was quite relaxed during the interview.

He added that there were "no raised voices or agitation" and that Mr Quinn was released on police bail at about 6.20pm after spending eight hours at the police station.

Coroner Nicholas Gardiner said Mr Quinn must have realised that he "was in peril of his own life" on the railway tracks and recorded a verdict that he took his own life.

## Sir Patrick backs observatory



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## InBRIEF

### Civic call to go multi-coloured

■ **BANBURY** businesses are being encouraged to deck their premises in a burst of colour to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Banbury Town Council wants firms to prepare to honour Her Majesty for the June celebrations. It also hopes this will help Banbury retain its gold award presented by the Royal Horticultural Society for its Britain in Bloom campaign last year.

### Decision on solar projects

■ A £1m council plan to install solar panels on leisure centres and other public buildings will be put to councillors for decision today. Cherwell District Council says the plan will save £81,000 a year for the next 25 years. Costs will break even after 15 years. The plans include arrays of panels at the council's Bodicote House HQ and Spiceball Leisure Centre, Banbury. Council officers are recommending all should be approved.

# Call to set aside more land for industry

**A COMMERCIAL surveyor has said Banbury is attracting businesses from all over the country but has nowhere to put them.**

Chris White, of White Commercial Surveyors, believes there is not enough industrial space in the town to meet demands.

This comes as his company announces the sale of a building on Wildmere Road Industrial Estate.

**By Damian Fantato**

Mr White said: "If you look at where Banbury is, it is right in the middle of central England. It is in a great location.

"There is no doubt that there are companies looking to move in to our area and that is good for employment and for money being spent."

The connection to London and Birmingham, via the M40, was another



Chris White, of White Commercial Chartered Surveyors, left, is pictured at the Wildmere Road Industrial Estate property he has recently sold to Karl Durham, MD of International Applications

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benefit of Banbury's location, Mr White said.

But he believes Cherwell District Council should be setting more land aside for companies to move on to.

This is because Mr White feels the town is running out of space to put the companies that are considering a move to Banbury.

He said: "The main problem is that we are running out of decent sized industrial buildings. "Some developers have purchased land to turn into industrial space in response to the good level of demand.

## ■ 'Town is running out of decent sized industrial buildings'

Chris White, of White Commercial Surveyors

"But district council planners need to be putting more land aside for industrial land because companies may look to move out of Banbury if they can't find space to expand."

Claire Kingsbury, of Banbury Chamber of Commerce, said: "I think there needs to be more done to look at areas that can be used for industrial space and to try to

encourage businesses to come to the town."

Mr White's company recently sold Unit 18 to consumables supplier International Applications for more than £1m.

It had been empty for two years, before which it was home to a healthcare company employing around 150 people.

Karl Durham, the MD of International Applications, said:

"Banbury is a great location due to its centralised position and ever-growing population.

"Our company has grown significantly since its formation and we are confident Banbury will prove ideal in facilitating all aspects of our future growth."

Cherwell's planning chief, Michael Gibbard, said: "We are currently drawing up a core strategy which will identify sites for housing and employment.

"They are both high on the agenda and it is due to go out for consultation in April."

## Phone lines cut as metal thieves strike

HUNDREDS of homes and businesses could be left waiting until the end of the month for their Internet and phone lines to be fixed after thieves stole almost 1,000 metres of copper cabling.

The raid was on BT's Steeple Aston exchange on Friday.

Around 300 homes in Middle Barton and Tackley have been without services since then.

BT spokesman Anna Steven said three sections of cable, each 350m long, were taken. Work to fix the problem was beginning on Monday but even once the main cables were

replaced, every line would have to be connected manually.

She said: "This is painstaking work but they will be cracking on with it as quickly as possible.

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■ Make a date this weekend and join in the RSPB's Big Garden event



Keen birdwatcher Steve Akers, of Chipping Norton

# Binoculars ready for birdwatching

By Oliver Evans

**AMATEUR ornithologists are being urged to polish their binoculars and keep this weekend free for a massive birdwatching survey.**

The RSPB is urging people to observe the feathered friends that arrive in their back garden on Saturday and Sunday for its Big Garden Birdwatch event.

It has been held every year since 1979 to paint a picture of the UK's garden bird population.

Last year's event saw more than 11,000 county residents record a resurgence in small birds, with the house sparrow the most sighted.

Among those taking part will be Chipping Norton resident Steve Akers with his wife, Sharon, and sons Rory, nine, and Louis, seven.

The Unison official hit headlines last year when birdwatchers flocked to his garden in The Leys to see a rare Oriental Turtle Dove.

He said: "I do it religiously every year. It is a very pleasurable thing to sit down and take the time to focus for an hour."

The event is also vital to have a picture of the UK's bird population to lobby Government over protection of species, he said. The 56-year-old said: "I have been watching birds since I was eight and I have seen a really significant decline in what were very common birds."

The loss of birds like the Skylark and Turtle Dove was because of destruction of habitats and use of chemicals by farmers, he said.

Zoe Edwards, who works at the RSPB Otmoor nature reserve, near Beckley, urged residents to take part.

She said: "It helps the RSPB to keep track of the ups and downs of garden birds and, at the same time, gives people the opportunity to enjoy their local outside spaces."

"People aren't aware of how many birds there are in their garden. If you take

the time to watch you will see so many."

The milder winter could see a change in species this year, she said.

A counting sheet with pictures of species can be downloaded from [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) and those taking part will also be able to submit results online.

To request a pack of entry details call 0300 456 8330.

Schools can also record results from January 16 to 30. For information visit [rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch](http://rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch) or call 0300 456 8340.



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## Rise in NHS claims pushes up prices

OXFORDSHIRE'S hospital trusts will have to pay an extra ten per cent on their insurance policies because of the rising costs of clinical negligence claims.

Figures released for 2010/11 show the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust spent more in negligence payouts than anywhere else in England last year.

Some £13m was paid out to patients, which rose to £15.3m including legal costs. It is not known how many cases it relates to.

The money is not paid out directly by the trust, which has since become the Oxford University Hospitals Trust. Instead it makes annual contributions to the NHS Litigation Authority, which then handles claims.

Locally claims have risen from £6.7m in 2005/06 to £13.2m last year.

## Council in £10m pledge over better broadband

AN extra £10m has been pledged by Oxfordshire County Council to improve broadband.

Under the Conservative administration's proposed capital budget, the council will match-fund the £3.86m allocated to the county by Government agency Broadband Delivery UK last year.

And an extra £6.14m will be spent on upgrading the Oxfordshire Community Network broadband system for the county's schools.

Council deputy leader David Robertson said: "The schools network is coming to the end of

its natural life and needs to be upgraded.

"A good few schools already have superfast broadband, and most secondary schools have 100Mbps already.

"The Oxfordshire Community Network is better than anything that schools could get from the market, but it is beginning to look a bit old hat."

He said upgrading the network would save over £1m a year.

The remaining £7.72m will be spent on projects to roll out superfast broadband across the county.

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**InBRIEF****TV judge on the move**

■ **BRITAIN'S Got Talent** judge Amanda Holden has reportedly bought a home near Chipping Norton. The pregnant star is believed to have bought a 17th-century cottage for £860,000 with record producer husband Chris Hughes, 36.

**Sweeping changes**

■ THE streets of Neithrop and Hardwick were to be the focus of a "neighbourhood blitz" this week, with the arrival of Cherwell District Council's street cleaning team. Council staff were carrying out extra pavement cleaning, road sweeping and graffiti scrubbing. To report fly-tipping or graffiti to the team call 01295 227003 or email customer.service@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

**Museum plans puppet fun**

■ A CHILDREN'S craft event at Banbury museum will make the art of finger puppet-taking. The event at 10.30am on Saturday costs £2.50 and is suitable for children aged three and older.

# ■ As economy reins in estate schemes, five-year blueprint fails to add up

## Planning chief's fear over building blocks



Planning and housing chief Michael Gibbard

By Oliver Evans

**HOUSING developers could get the upper hand in battles to build new estates, a council boss fears, after it was revealed a key housing target is being missed.**

Michael Gibbard said developers might be able to overturn Cherwell District Council's vetos on building new estates as the authority was not getting homes built elsewhere.

The council has backed a minimum 3,369 homes at 16 sites in Banbury and its surrounding villages in a bid to provide affordable housing and to curb prices.

But only 2,547 have been built so far – with no development at sites like Bankside, that had been earmarked for 950 homes between Banbury and Bodicote.

Other sites backed by council planners but have not been built include 153 homes west of Banbury train station and 70 at Bretch Hill Farm, off Broughton Road.

Civic officers have worked out that the

number of housing schemes that have been given the green light would meet demand for 2.8 years – but the Government target is five years.

Mr Gibbard fears developers could now convince The Planning Inspectorate, which handles appeals, to approve schemes on other sites.

Mr Gibbard said: "That is the concern, that we will be penalised for that non-delivery of homes."

"The planning permission is there, but because of economic factors, they are not being built."

He called for a Government "moratorium" on the five-year target, adding: "It was a policy that was drawn up very much in the boom time for housing."

A council report says the district was "vulnerable to unplanned and speculative applications" without "careful management".

Rejected plans for 65 homes in Adderbury and 82 in Bloxham are now going to appeal, with both developers arguing the failure to hit the five-year target strengthens their case.

Roland Bratt, the landowner for the Cotefield Farm, Bodicote, plan said: "It is impossible to meet the housing needs

from the existing plan. The reason homes are unaffordable at the moment is because of the shortage of supply. It is as simple as that."

Residents are "crying out" for new homes to drive down prices elsewhere and provide affordable homes, he added. The council had a waiting list of 4,000 people.

Berkeley Homes applied to build homes off Milton Road, Adderbury, in October, saying it should be allowed as the five-year target was being missed. It has now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate as the council had not made a decision within an eight-week time limit.

Another application for the same scheme has been submitted and is expected to be considered by the council's planning committee on February 23.

And residents criticised plans for 150 homes for a field south of the Salt Way, seen as the symbolic divide between Banbury, Bloxham and Bodicote.

The site is not among the 16 supported by the council, which will consult on them in April and May to submit to ministers for approval in July.



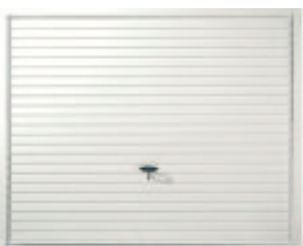
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## Trying to tame 'problem' play

**LAST year, everyone was talking about a certain Kate's wedding.**

Of course, the bride who captured everyone's attentions was the demure Kate Middleton, who claimed her prince and lived publicly ever after.

This year there's a very different Kate who could give her a run for her money.

The RSC is tackling *Taming Of The Shrew*.

It's often viewed as a "problem" play, perhaps something to do with the plot, which sees our "hero" Petruchio acquiring a feisty wife, dragging her through the mud, starving her, torturing her with sleep deprivation and trying to send her round the bend. In Shakespeare's curious and unpalatable finale, Kate emerges meek and "tamed".

Or does she?  
Lisa Dillon, known to many fans as Mary in *Cranford*, tackles the role of wildcat Katharina. "With Kate it's this very fine line that you walk of her becoming a victim," she says. "And that's the challenge playing her. I am determined she's not a victim. She's a victim of her own circumstances and a victim of her own will, and the way people regard her, but she shouldn't be a victim of Petruchio. I find that tricky."

**By Liz Nicholls**

Helping in her cause is David Caves, who plays her sparring partner, easing the love story with his humour and fairly hypnotic good looks.

Director Lucy Bailey has approached the play as a highly charged, romantic meeting of minds. "They are both outsiders, misfits," she says.

"Petruchio is a wanderer who can't settle, who, if he hadn't met Kate, would have continued his bonkers life-on-the-road.

"And Kate, if she hadn't met Petruchio, would have died ostracised, institutionalised as 'mad', lonely. So the fact they do crawl their way to each other is such a wonderful thing!

"Once Petruchio says 'Come, Kate, we'll to bed', I think you have to imagine they're going to have the best sex ever. Life is going to be turbulent, but compared to the small-minded people around them, in finding each other they've found freedom."

It's a refreshing, post-feminist approach that packs a punch for the production, which runs at Stratford-upon-Avon until February 25, before touring to Newcastle-on-Tyne, Milton Keynes, Nottingham, Richmond and Bath.

Another bold step Lucy has taken is using the tricky Christopher Sly play-within-a-play framing device as inspiration rather than discarding it as many directors choose.

"It's clever, beautiful, seductive and funny – a piece of poetry in itself," says Lucy. "The whole thing of beds and dreams became my hook."

This explains the lush set, set in 1940s Italy centred around... a bed.

"The play works like foreplay and it stages the battle of the sexes – which ends in bed.

"I took the bed as a metaphor for life really: we're born in a bed, we (most of us!) first have sex in a bed and we die in our beds. So the bed is a sort of sports arena for the piece. But it's also a public forum, because, paradoxically, most of the intimate scenes in the Shrew take place in public: the intimacy of the bed is denied.

"The beauty of the play is that Kate and Petruchio finally come to a private understanding that is profound and indestructible."

It's a tricky one to pull off, but there are sure to be many spectators toasting the happy couple – maybe even more than the HRHs.

■ *Taming of the Shrew* runs at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until February 25 before heading off on tour. To book tickets, visit [www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.org.uk)



**MATCH:** Lisa Dillon and David Caves are set to sizzle as Kate and Petruchio

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**A TRUE FRIEND** Separated, easygoing female, 59, likes cooking, evenings in/out, seeks friendly male, to enjoy life with. Witney.. Box **100451**

**LOVE IS FOR SHARING** Easygoing, sincere Trowbridge lady, 59, med build, 5'6", GSOH, N/5, enjoys good social life, darts, music, walking & reading, searching for that special guy, N/5 and caring for dates & more.. Box **116161 T**

**ENDLESS LOVE** Young 57 from Wilts, divorced brunette, n/5, works part time, play darts, love gardening, reading, walking, looking for a gent 49-58, to share life with.. Box **454148**

**GENUINE AND CARING** Oxfordshire widow, 50s, 5ft6, slender build, sociable, caring and well-travelled, searching for a genuine, professional guy, non-smoker, for friendship, maybe lasting love.. Box **466487**

**OUTGOING & ENTHUSIASTIC** Oxfordshire widow, 58, slender, 5'6", dark hair, sociable and caring, well travelled, attractive, seeking guy who's caring, professional and considerate.. Box **467516**

**ENJOY LIFE** Retired, attractive, slim Oxfordshire lady, 60, searching for a gent, 55-60, to share happy times, friendship and maybe more.. Box **113207**

**FUN TO BE WITH** Attractive lady, 52", 58, very social and enjoys nights out and in, weekends away looking for a man with a gosh who is fun.. Box **458867**

**SOCIALABLE SORT** I'm looking for a sociable man with an active lifestyle for a LTR. I'm 59, tall and blonde, I like kids, cars and gardening. Swindon. Box **452750**

**SOMETHING MEANINGFUL** Outgoing, happy Witney female, 62, tall and slim, many interest such as reading, the countryside, music and dancing, would like to meet a friendly chap for long term relationship.. Box **116615**

**CHATS OVER A PINT?** Country woman looking to meet a loving, dark haired, slim man. I'm 63yrs old, 5'7", slim and fit, love being outside, walking and gardening. Marlborough/Wiltshire. Box **122240 T**

**POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP** Part-time language teacher from Kidlington, 63, widow, likes walking, gardening, places of interest, dancing, seeking a chatty man for conversations and to laugh together.. Box **115447 T**

**EACH DAY IS A NEW ONE** Widow lady, 64, brown hair, blue/grey eyes, likes walking, reading, watching films, family life, gardening, seeks nice gent, for ltr. Witney. Box **105525**

**THE BETTER THINGS IN LIFE** Divorced Swindon female, 64, 5'5", works part-time, likes walking, travelling and cooking, would like to meet a nice sociable gent, with a good lifestyle, to enjoy life with.. Box **114628 T**

**NEW IN TOWN** Easygoing, slim woman, 65, 5'6", blonde, likes jazz, live shows, reading and walks, seeks down-to-earth male, for genuine friendship and more.. Box **100721**

**SO HAPPY TOGETHER** Loving, sincere and attractive lady, 65, cuddly, would like to meet a gent who likes country walks, meals out, social drinks and places of interest for companionship.. Box **114914 T**

**LEAD THE WAY** A modern N/5 Kidlington lady, 68, 5'7", slim build, likes gardening, reading, cooking, cinema and travel, looking for an interesting gentleman to share days out & eating out.. Box **114769 T**

**DOWN TO EARTH** Happy-go-lucky female, young 67, slim/medium build, love walking, cooking, gardening, kisses and cuddles, looking for a non-smoking, clean-shaven man, 59-65, for a relationship. Swindon. Box **454288 T**

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**ARE YOU THE LUCKY ONE?** Happy go lucky, solvent Banbury lady, 73, still working, likes travel, going out and about, would like to meet a trustworthy chap to enjoy life together.. Box **115637**



Men seeking women

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**PLENTY OF TLC** Loving male, 39, 5'7", usual interests, from Didcot, looking for love and romance.. Box **111253 T**

**PERFECT HARMONY** Fun loving, easygoing, tactile Witney biker, 40, 6', stocky build, shaven head and goatee, seeks fun loving, cheeky lady to share life with.. Box **108035**

**THAT WONDERFUL FEELING** Laid back, sporty Woodstock male, 41, likes family life, nights in & out, having a laugh, seeks warm hearted easygoing female, for good company. Box **114209 T**

**MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER** Honest, Oxford male, 43, 6'2", dark hair, own business, likes playing golf, holidays, looking for mature lady, 35-60, to enjoy life together.. Box **115541**

**PART OF YOUR WORLD** Genuine male, 45, single dad, likes weekends away, family life, socialising, looking for a outgoing female, for fun, friendship and more. Newbury.. Box **103015**

**LIFE IS MADE FOR TWO** Happy, active Abingdon man, 45, GSOH, med build, positive, enjoys walking, swimming and cinema, would like to meet a similar lady, 50-75, fit and positive, for friendship and maybe more.. Box **114348 T**

**HOPE FOR US** Youthful, blue-eyed male, 46, enjoys the gym and good times, searching for a nice, honest woman. Oxford.. Box **100657 T**

**WE CAN BE HAPPY** Fun male, 44, likes meals out, keeping fit, weekends away, 5ft9in, seeking friendship maybe more with someone special. Banbury.. Box **115039 T**

**IT'S NOT UNUSUAL** Friendly Witney male, 47, 6', blue eyes, enjoys sports, music, cosy nights in, going out and having a laugh, would like to meet a female friend, for good company and laughter.. Box **115039 T**

**TAKE A TRIP WITH ME** Open minded Oxford guy, 49, likes all kinds of music, reading, visiting galleries, going to the cinema, eating out, walking and good conversation, wlm a female to share good times with.. Box **115321 T**

**LOVE TO HAVE A LAUGH** Friendly, warm hearted Abingdon male, 49, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring matured guy, to enjoy good times together, for a long term relationship.. Box **115894 T**

**LITERALLY SPEAKING** Easygoing Wantage male, 50, works full-time, likes most sports, would like to meet a friendly female for good times leading to more.. Box **119054 T**

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**MORE IN TIME** Friendly male, 51, 5'5", blue eyes, works with horses, seeking a loving female, 40-60 to settle down with.. Box **104741 T**

**LOTS OF AFFECTION** Divorced, caring, trustworthy male, 51, loves the country life, pubs, history, DIY, motor sports, wlm sincere woman, to settle down with. Wallingford.. Box **102120 T**

**FINDING HAPPINESS** Upbeat, friendly Banbury male, 52, non-smoker, seeking a friendly N/5 female 43+, who enjoys country walks, country pubs, socialising and genuinely good company.. Box **118975**

**NOT TO BE MISSED** Spontaneous, caring, hard working Oxford guy, 53, likes music, cooking, live bands, good wines, F1 racing, would like to meet a simple woman to share life with.. Box **115773 T**

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**IN IT FOR THE LONG RUN** Genuine bloke, 54, from Didcot, happy go lucky female, looking for a young at heart lady to enjoy life with.. Box **111665 T**

**LOVE THE COMPANY** Gosh, to earth male, 55, 5'10", down many interest, seeks female, 35-60 any race, for fun, laughter and more. Banbury.. Box **104545**

**A FUTURE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER** Divorced, young to heart male, 55, own house in Oxford, likes cinema, theatre, clubs, seeks caring female, for happy times and more.. Box **107632**

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**THE HONEST KIND** Easygoing male, 56, from Oxford, likes cinema, sports, nights in, seeks female for friendship leading to more.. Box **110649**

**MAKE THE CONNECTION** Outgoing widower, 57, smoker, N/D, lives in Oxford, looking for a nice female for good times and more.. Box **108952**

**SPECIAL EVENINGS** Upbeat Wantage male, 57, likes sports, horse racing and meeting people, looking for a woman with a good sense of humour, 40-50, for friendship hopefully leading to more.. Box **116553 T**

**A FRESH START** Country loving man, 57, 6ft tall, blue eyes, average build. I'd love to meet a nice lady to go out with and have fun again. Abingdon.. Box **463069 T**

**START SOMETHING SPECIAL** Active male, 60, 5'7", blue eyes, gosh, likes cinema, theatre, days out, country pubs, meals out, seeks similar female, 54-59 for company & more. Northampton.. Box **104253 T**

**STABLE RELATIONSHIP SOUGHT** Easygoing, non-smoking, divorced Abingdon man, 61, 5'10", average build, would like to meet a nice lady, to share good times together.. Box **114301 T**

**READY TO MOVE ON** Young, caring Didcot guy, 62, 5'9", enjoys the sea, reading and boating, would like to meet a similar lady for companionship.. Box **117043 T**

**SAIL AROUND WITH ME** Young 60, I'm a caring guy, 5ft9in, full head of hair! I live in Didcot and enjoy the sea, reading, boats. WLM similar lady.. Box **468137 T**

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**STARTING TOGETHER** Country loving Wallingford widower, 59, 6', grown up children, likes sports, theatre, meals out, 60s music, cooking, would like to meet an easygoing sociable lady, for company and more.. Box **114484 T**

**CONFIDENT** Young 59, 5'10", own house/business, Witney based, enjoys music, country walks, pubs, fishing, gardening, seeks outgoing female, to enjoy life again.. Box **107964**

**BETTER WITH COMPANY** Tactile male, 60, 5'7", wears glasses, likes days out, country walks, evenings in, looking for a young lady, 50-60 to enjoy these good times together. Northampton.. Box **104324 T**

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**WONDERFUL LIFE** Loyal, solvent Oxfordshire gent, 65, 5'9", lover of classic cars, soul, Motown, coffee and theatre, searching for an attractive, interesting lady, 50-60, to share and explore interesting times.. Box **104998**

**OPEN YOUR HEART** Cheerful male, 68, 5'6", slim build, gosh, likes sports, walks, animals, seeks decent lady, 55-70 to settle down with. Banbury.. Box **104901 T**

**NICE DAYS AHEAD** Easygoing, non-smoking Abingdon widower, 70, 5'9", enjoys travel, pub meal and car boot sales, would like to meet a nice non-smoking lady, to settle down with.. Box **116036 T**

**SOUL TO SOUL** Divorced, active male, 76, looks younger, 5'6", enjoys pubs meals, car boot sales, crossword, wlm charming female, to share quality times. Oxford.. Box **100937**



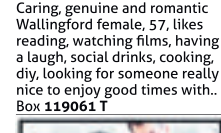
Women seeking men

**FROM ONE TO ANOTHER** Sincere, honest, friendly Oxford female, 35, looking for an honest, reliable female 30-40, who likes cinema, walking and shopping, for a possible lasting relationship.. Box **118672 T**

**HOPE THIS WORKS** Cuddly Swindon lady, 46, easygoing and fun to be with, looking for friendship leading to more with a nice, friendly, bubbly woman.. Box **851817 T**

**THE BEST OF FRIENDS?** Friendly, chatty Oxford female, 56, likes chats, coffee, lunch and anything else, looking for males and female for friendship.. Box **116662**

**ENJOY GOOD COMPANY** Caring, genuine and romantic Wallingford female, 57, likes reading, watching films, having a laugh, social drinks, cooking, diy, looking for someone really nice to enjoy good times with.. Box **119061 T**



Men seeking women

**THE BRIGHT SIDE** Outgoing, friendly Wallingford male, 39, likes swimming, cycling, singing, eating out, places of interest, looking for sociable guys, for friendship laughter and good times.. Box **114488 T**

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# Payne's balance of laughs with despair

**THE DESCENDANTS** (15, 115 mins) Drama/Comedy/Romance. George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Amara Miller, Nick Krause, Matthew Lillard, Judy Greer, Beau Bridges, Mary Birdsong, Rob Huebel, Patricia Hastie. Director: Alexander Payne.

GOOD things come to those who wait and it's been an agonising seven years since writer-director Alexander Payne ventured to the sun-dappled vineyards of the quirky Oscar-winning comedy *Sideways*.

He has directed a couple of short films and a TV pilot in the interim but Payne's distinctive voice has been silent for too long.

Thankfully, the acclaimed debut novel of Kauai Hart Hemmings has wooed the film-maker back into the director's chair, working from a beautifully crafted script by Nat Faxon and Jim Rash.

Set against the lush backdrop of the Hawaiian islands, *The Descendants* is a heartbreaking portrait of a family in crisis.

The film provides George Clooney with the role of his career and the handsome star elegantly navigates choppy emotional waters as a father who must turn off his wife's life support machine while dealing with the grief of his two children.

The scene in which his character prepares to give the final order to doctors, kissing his beloved on the forehead and whispering, "Goodbye my love, my pain", as a single tear rolls down his cheek, is sublime.

An Oscar next month would be a



A scene from the film from *The Descendants*

Picture: PA Photo/E1 Entertainment

fitting reward. Matthew King (Clooney) stares forlornly at his adrenaline-junkie wife Liz (Patricia Hastie) as she lies in a vegetative state after a water-skiing accident.

Doctors tell him there is no hope of recovery and everyone should say their farewells.

With a heavy heart, Matthew bravely gathers together his ten-year-old daughter Scottie (Amara Miller) and his rebellious 17-year-old daughter Alex (Shailene Woodley).

Characters are delicately sketched and there are lovely scenes between Clooney, Woodley and youngster Miller as they try to

make sense of the hand that fate has cruelly dealt them.

Comic relief comes in part from Nick Krause, as Alex's slacker pal Sid, who joins the Kings on their painful odyssey.

However, even he tugs the heartstrings in a remarkable, early morning heart-to-heart with Matthew which reveals the anguish behind his clown's goofy smile.

Belly laughs are balanced with tragedy and despair and Payne doesn't strike a single false emotional note, although he does allow sentimentality to creep in for the sombre final five minutes.

adv, £12 at the door. 8pm.

Jan 28, Rob Rouse: *Life Sentences*. (Not suitable for children). 7.30pm. £10.

Feb 1, *Awkward* by Peppercorn Productions. 8pm. £8, concession £6. Box office: 01295 279002.

**The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Jan 27, *Much Ado About Wenlock*. A comic play celebrating the Olympian Games' unlikely UK roots in Much Wenlock. £13, concession £11. 7.45pm. Box office: 01608 642350.

## Events

**SATURDAY: Finnley Day:** Town Hall, Bridge Street, Banbury. Family fun day and fete event in memory of Finnley Froude. Games, refreshments, face-painting, balloons, bric a brac, books, CDs, DVDs, tombola, bottle raffle, craft and more. 9am-5.30pm. 07717 10262.



## Win tickets

JUST so you feel like you really are at the movies, the Banbury Cake and Odeon Cinema Banbury have teamed up to offer you the chance to catch up on the latest action blockbusters, sci-fi epics and family favourites.

Yes, every week in the Banbury Cake we'll be offering free tickets to go and see some of the silver screen's must-see movies.

And this week, we're offering a pair of tickets to see *The Descendants*, or any other film, showing at the Odeon cinema in Horse Fair.

To stand a chance of winning, correctly answer the following question:

■ **George Clooney, above, who stars in *The Descendants*, has a very famous aunt. Was her name?**

- Rosemary Clooney?
- Beryl Clooney?
- Sharon Clooney?

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## CakeWhat's On

### Music

**TODAY: The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** The Budapest Café Orchestra. Eastern Europe folk. £13, conc £11. 7.45pm. 01608 642350.

**TOMORROW: General Foods Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury:** Pete Watkins, singer. 9pm. £1. 01295 252852.

**Horse and Jockey, Malthouse Lane, Bodicote:** No Tails Reqd. Playing live. 9pm. Free admission. 01295 269549.

**Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:** Southern Tenant Folk Union a top folk and bluegrass outfit. £10. 8pm. 01295 279002.

**The Musketeer, Ruscote Avenue, Banbury:** Cover To Cover. Songs from the 50s to 80s. 9pm. Free. 01295 269296.

**SATURDAY: General Foods Club, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury:** The Cloud. The Cloud. 01295 252852.

### Cinema

**Odeon, Horsefair, Banbury:** A Monster in Paris, U, Sat-Sun 11.45am, daily 4.10pm (audio-described); (3-D) daily 1, 6pm (audio-described). Chronicle, 12A, Wed-Thu 8.45pm (audio-described). Haywire, 15, Fri-Tue 8.45pm (audio-described). Hugo, U, Sun 11am\* (audio-described).

War Horse, 12A, daily 1.30\*, 5\*, 8.15pm\* (audio-described; subtitled Tue 5pm). Senior Screen: The Three Musketeers, 12A, Wed doors 10.45am\*, programme 11am\*, ends 1.01pm. Odeon Kids: Hop, U, Sat programme 11am\*, ends 12.50pm. (NB: cinema may refuse admission to guests arriving after the feature has started.) Box office: 0871 224 4007.

### Theatre

**Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:** Jan 26, Comedy club with Barnstormers Comedy. £10



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WRC team returns to legendary event to take second and a seventh place

# Minis shine at the Monte rally

**BANBURY'S Mini World Rally Championship team finished the Monte Carlo Rally with second and seventh places.**

It was only the team's seventh FIA World Rally Championship event, but it was the third podium for the team's Spanish crew.

On the final stage of the event, the 5.16km Power Stage at Ste Agnès – Col de la Madone – Spaniards Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio Sordo set the fourth fastest time, while French crew of Pierre Campana and Sabrina de Castellani were tenth quickest.

Team principal Dave Wilcock said: "This was my first event as team principal, so to get a second in Monte Carlo with the Mini WRC Team was absolutely fantastic. Obviously we are all extremely pleased.

"We had all our fingers crossed wanting to get through the Power Stage with no problems.

"Dani was fourth quickest through it, which is fine, even though we were hoping for another drivers' championship point – but what you want doesn't always happen! We are extremely happy with the result as both Dani and Pierre have done very good jobs for the team. The whole team has worked so hard for this and it is well deserved."

Dirk Hollweg, head of Mini Motorsport: said: "I am very happy that the brand has returned to this legendary event and scored a very impressive result with not just Dani on the podium, but also Pierre really doing a great."



The Banbury-based WRC Mini on the podium at Monte Carlo

## Banbury fall 2-1 late on

A GOAL three minutes from time sent Banbury United to defeat away to Premier Division strugglers Hemel Hempstead Town on Saturday.

Marquin Smith put the hosts into a 16th-minute lead when he reacted quickest to Charlie Gorman's header and poked home at the second attempt from close range.

And it needed two excellent reflex saves from Banbury keeper Andy Kemp to deny Hemel further goals in the first half.

Banbury came more into the game after the break, with Simeon Williams missing a good chance to equalise.

On the hour, Ricky Johnson went close when his shot from just inside the area on the right went inches wide of the far post.

Two minutes later, Johnson was in the thick of the action again when his powerful shot on target was well blocked by defender Bill Morgan.

The Puritans eventually drew level midway through the half following a mistake by home keeper Ross Kitteridge.

His poor goal-kick went straight to Johnson, who advanced on goal and fired home.

The game appeared to be drifting towards a draw, when Hemel hit the winner in the 87th minute.

Pearce's corner was controlled by Ellis Remy, who fed Morgan. He kept his cool to grab his side three valuable points.

Banbury United: Kemp, Coleman, Kinch, Dolman, Chilton, Hanbury, Williams, Cole, Johnson, Blake (Edmond 84), Polk (Angus 64). Subs not used: Fraser, Thackeray. Attendance: 245.

## STARS with Claire Petulengro

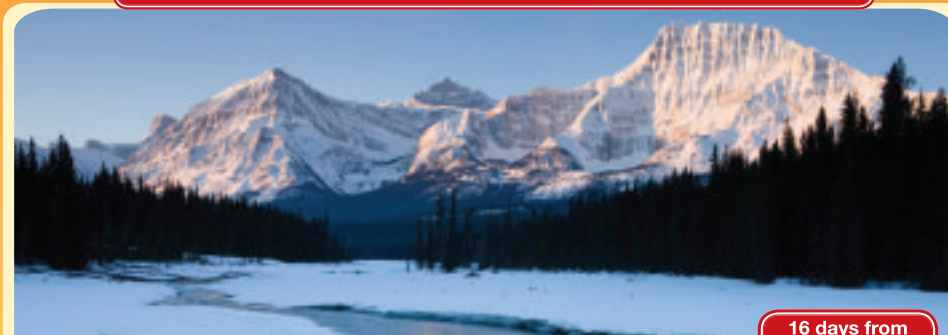
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| <b>ARIES</b><br>Mar 21-Apr 19<br>Mercury plays games with your life this week, so be ready for sudden changes and have a back up plan in mind, so that you can work the coming seven days to your advantage. This is an important time for you professionally and one in which you can make that all important crossover you've been dreaming of. Give me a call now to hear which friend is not all they claim to be.<br><b>0906 585 4360</b>                          | <b>LIBRA</b><br>Sep 23-Oct 22<br>No longer is the glass half empty, it is half full and the sooner you realise this fact my friend, the sooner you can get on with enjoying all that this glorious week has to offer you. You kick start your success with the help of the stars on Monday and from there on in, you're on a roll. Don't entertain an ex who is using emotional blackmail to get their way. Call now for more on this opportune week.<br><b>0906 585 4366</b> |
| <b>TAURUS</b><br>Apr 20-May 20<br>Forced changes in your career will actually turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Don't rule out putting a little more time aside for family please, as someone could do with your words of wisdom and support. In fact it can make all the difference as to whether they succeed or fail with a dream. News of a new arrival gives you reason to plan a trip. Call me now to hear about your week in full.<br><b>0906 585 4361</b>  | <b>SCORPIO</b><br>Oct 23-Nov 21<br>Don't be in too much of a rush where relationships are concerned but slow your pace and enjoy the view. It is a worthy one indeed and proof that you do indeed deserve the best. Family and close friends from far away are worth giving a call to as they're sure to have news for you which will put a smile on your face. Call now to hear which sign is ready to talk settling down and commitment.<br><b>0906 585 4367</b>            |
| <b>GEMINI</b><br>May 21-Jun 20<br>Financial aspects look good and it's clear to see that you're getting over the very muddled period which made for such a stressful end to the year. This is sure to have a knock on effect on your personal life, as offers you get from Tuesday onwards will soon prove. Don't be afraid to ask if you don't know at work, it will earn you respect not disdain. Call now, I have a message from Mercury.<br><b>0906 585 4362</b>    | <b>SAGITTARIUS</b><br>Nov 22-Dec 21<br>Legal or official links seem to be a worry, but sticking to fact not fiction is your key to coming out of things on top. Changes are needed in your career and the longer you take to make them the harder they will be to achieve. Start making the necessary steps now and you'll be amazed at the success and help you'll find. Call my star line right now to separate the real friends from the fake.<br><b>0906 585 4368</b>     |
| <b>CANCER</b><br>Jun 21-Jul 22<br>The past and present seem to be coming together beautifully of late and all your hard work and sacrifices have paid off. Listen when older faces talk as they have important advice for you which can aid you in your dreams and ambitions. Even you can't know everything! A lack of energy may see you trying to cancel weekend plans. Don't, there's someone you need to meet. Call now to hear more.<br><b>0906 585 4363</b>      | <b>CAPRICORN</b><br>Dec 22-Jan 19<br>I know you've been under a tremendous amount of stress but things are starting to change now, and you no longer have to cope alone. Part of the problem is that your element of earth makes it hard for you to ask for help, but sometimes we all need a little help. Gambles taken in love this weekend can pay off in your favour. Give me a ring now to hear which sign can satisfy all your desires.<br><b>0906 585 4369</b>         |
| <b>LEO</b><br>Jul 23-Aug 22<br>There are quite a few areas of your life which you have been neglecting and this would be a really good week, Leo, to see to all that you've been putting off. Why? Because you have the backing of the stars to do things in double quick time and to get ahead in several areas of your life. Unexpected visitors come with some surprising news. Call now to hear with whom your future lays.<br><b>0906 585 4364</b>                 | <b>AQUARIUS</b><br>Jan 20-Feb 18<br>New paths which are offered to you in your career should turn out to be really successful. Don't be afraid to try your hand at things you have not done before. You could just surprise yourself with how adept you are Aquarius. Make some time to check in with family at the weekend. Even a simple phone call will make all the difference to their week. Ring now for hot news on romance.<br><b>0906 585 4370</b>                   |
| <b>VIRGO</b><br>Aug 23-Sep 22<br>Personal relationships are highlighted and this is a really constructive time to work on joint dreams and ventures. I know you have not been feeling as strong as you should, but the stars are behind you from Monday to give you energy and focus, so don't be afraid to use the help of the New Moon on Monday to address all you've been putting off. Call now to hear why foreign links are so lucky now.<br><b>0906 585 4365</b> | <b>PISCES</b><br>Feb 19-Mar 20<br>A major shake up of your social circle could see you mixing with a whole different group of friends and you're sure to find yourself visiting some new and really interesting places. Check your calendar as an absent minded mood could see you forgetting a birthday or anniversary. Younger faces prove expensive but are also forecast to be a worthwhile investment. Ring now for a message from Uranus.<br><b>0906 585 4371</b>       |

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Discount clothing chain reveals intention to appoint administrators

# Rocky economy hits a new high street retailer

By Andrew Smith

**THE Oxfordshire retail scene has suffered another blow after discount clothing chain Peacocks announced it intends to file for administration.**

The group operates four Peacocks stores, one in Banbury, as well as others in Headington, Cowley and Didcot.

It also operates a Bonmarche clothing shops in Banbury with other branches in Cowley and Didcot. All are continuing to trade.

Bosses said they had entered into "exclusive talks" with a potential buyer for Bonmarche and that to "protect" the business while the sale process completes, it had filed an intention to appoint administrators.

Meanwhile, the wider group, which includes the larger Peacocks chain, said it would also appoint administrators after it failed to reach an agreement with its banks.

The Cardiff-based retailer employs more than 10,000 staff at 611 stores across the UK.

The group is the latest in a growing list of high street names to hit the rocks.

On Monday, 30 workers from the head office of troubled gift retailer Past Times were made redundant after the company was taken into administration.

Last week the company closed all its Oxfordshire stores, including the one in Banbury, which was among 47 axed by the firm out of 98 nationwide, leading to 400 redundancies.

## InBRIEF

### New store is launched

■ **POUNDWORLD** launched its first Oxfordshire store in Banbury on Friday. The retailer opened at Banbury Cross Retail Park, a move that has created 30 jobs. The Yorkshire-based firm was founded in 1997 and the store is its 132nd in the UK.

### Fairtrade celebrations

■ **DETAILS** have been announced of a major event to celebrate the town's involvement in the Fairtrade movement.

The Banbury Fairtrade Group is to hold a "Fairtrade Fiesta" to recognise 20 years of the brand, which aims to give Third World producers a better deal.

Banbury was given Fairtrade status in 2006, which has seen the town council, businesses and community groups pledge to support and promote Fairtrade.

The event will be held at Banbury Town Hall in Bridge Street on Saturday, March 3, from 10.30am to 3pm and feature stalls and information about the movement.

## Former Labour deputy's praise

**FORMER** deputy Labour leader Roy Hattersley praised current leader Ed Miliband, as he was speaking at a public event at The Institute, Adderbury, on Friday.

He told the meeting: "Ed Miliband believes in the right things, and his speech at the Party conference about responsible capitalism is proof of that."

He said of heated exchanges between the leader and Prime Minister David Cameron at Prime Minister's Questions: "The cheaper you are, the better you do."

Lord Hattersley also said he believed Mr Miliband could win the next General Election.

Lord Hattersley, deputy to leader Neil Kinnock from 1983 to 1992, also called for Labour to campaign to "save" the NHS, which was undergoing reforms where most budgets would transfer into the hands of GPs.

## Fraudster due back in court

**FRAUDSTER** Dennis Grant is due back in court in June.

The 63-year-old former head of Cotswold Water Park was due to appear at Gloucester Crown Court on January 13 for a confiscation hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act, to hear how much of the cash he plundered will have to be paid back.

However, the hearing was postponed and Grant, of Upper Tadmarton, is now due to appear on June 14, almost a year after his conviction for fraud totalling £660,000.

He is currently serving a four-year sentence at Leyhill Open Prison in Gloucestershire.

## Cameron climbs to new heights



**CAMERON** Cowley, pictured left, got to grips with a new £3m youth centre at an open day on Saturday.

The nine-year-old was among visitors to the New Futures Centre, in Hilton Road, Banbury, which provides activities, services and support for young people.

The Oxfordshire County Council centre is part of a network of "early intervention hubs" which is taking on youth work after cuts to county youth centres last year.

The building includes a performance hall, music rooms, recording studio, art rooms, gym, workshop and social area.

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## Boost for dyslexic pupils

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The £4,000 raised has paid for computers, books suited to dyslexic pupils and board games which help development.

Grants and fundraising activities by pupils, including a car wash, raised the cash.

About 100 pupils have dyslexia at the school, which has about 1,400 youngsters.

Banbury MP Tony Baldry opened the classroom on Friday.

He said: "I am sure it will open up a world of opportunities to these pupils when they leave school, something that they may otherwise have not had without such crucial support."



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## How we all used to live

By Gill Oliver

**PUPILS from St Mary's C of E Primary School, Banbury, met residents of Foxhall Court to find out how things have changed since the 1930s.**

The visit to the retirement development in School Lane was part of a national project aimed at bringing history to life for children.

The youngsters heard firsthand accounts of how eating and shopping habits have changed during the last 80 years.

Sue Blackman, of developers McCarthy & Stone, said: "St Mary's Primary School's visit to Foxhall Court was a wonderful

opportunity to bring together two generations that could share their stories and learn from one another."

Kathryn Crawford, headteacher at St Mary's School, added: "The visit was a great opportunity for pupils to see a snapshot of the last century brought to life through practical experience."

During the next couple of months, the pupils will compare house design, transport and schools from the 1930s to today.

For more information about one and two-bedroom assisted living retirement apartments at Foxhall Court, call 01295 261114, visit the show apartment, open daily from 10.30am to 5pm, or go to [www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk](http://www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk)



Foxhall Court resident Renee Jackson with St Mary's pupils Olivia Bedlow and Erin Taylor



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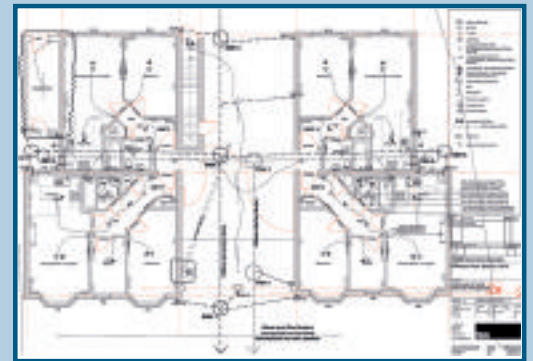


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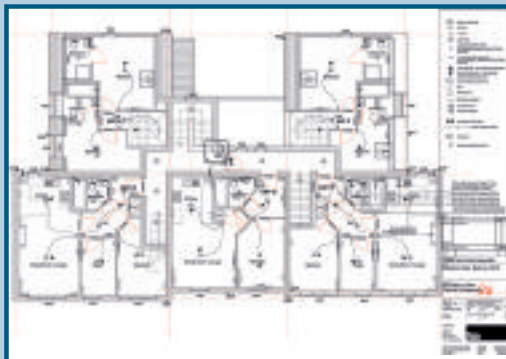
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## VW takes rough with the smooth

By David Duffy

There is not even the smallest badge on the back of Volkswagen's new Tiguan to give you a clue that you are a member of a very exclusive club.

Only a subtly different front end gives the clue that the top-of-the-range Escape model, unlike some other versions in the range, is a full-on macho 4x4. But those off-road credentials are cloaked in a thoroughly upmarket package, both inside and out.

On the road, the German-built Tiguan is a rock solid four-door, five-seater, offering a quiet, precise, reassuringly unruffled ride. Inside, the trim is understated, yet elegant and both instrumentation and switchgear are straightforward, clear and simple to use, as you would expect from Volkswagen.

All models are well equipped, with 16-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, DAB radio and alarm standard across the range.

Move up the four-specification range and everything from an automatic parking system and automatic headlights, to Bluetooth phone link and a fatigue detection system are available. In the rear, all Tiguan have a 60:40 split/fold rear bench which can recline and slide backwards and forwards. The rear bench

is also fitted slightly higher than the front seats: improving all-round visibility for children, and making fitting their seat belts easier.

The new Escape model comes with some classy touches, such as Bluetooth and a multi-function steering wheel, which reflects the rising demands of customers in this sector of the market.

Like the previous model, the Tiguan comes with a choice of two- or four-wheel-drive, with a strong resemblance to its 'big brother' the Touareg, and a new look dominated by horizontal lines on the front grille, like other new Volkswagen models.

Six engines are available, but diesel power rules for Tiguan owners, with nine out of ten opting for diesel.

The six-speed manual gearbox test model was powered by the 140 horsepower version of the 2.0-litre



**UPMARKET PACKAGE:** The Tiguan Escape 4x4 is a well-equipped off-roader

TDI engine, which is the best-seller in the range.

The Escape model also comes with a shorter front overhang; protective side strips and a shield for the radiator grille; sump guard and underbody protection, compass and flat-tyre indicator.

Volkswagen estimates that only three out of every 100 Tiguan buyers opt for the seriously off-road-ready Escape, which says volumes about where most so-called 'crossover' vehicles spend their time.

### Auto facts

**Model:** Volkswagen Tiguan Escape  
**BlueMotion 2.0 TDI 4Motion**  
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**Warranty:** 3 years/60,000 miles

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## Bargain hunters can track down cool deals

WINTER can be the best time to bag a used car bargain, according to recent trends. Industry experts Glass's suggest that shorter days and post-Christmas money worries mean many buyers wait until the spring — so bargain hunters can get better deals in the quiet months.

The only exception to this rule is for those looking to buy a used 4x4 as after three consecutive white winters, snowproof vehicles are in higher demand. But conversely, those considering buying a convertible model for this summer shouldn't delay as

the savings will be even greater.

Prices for convertible models peak in summer, but demand is very low in winter, so bargains for drop-tops are plentiful.

Meanwhile, tests have begun on a zero-emission version of Skoda's family hatchback, which will see 10 all-electric Green E Line Octavias rolling around the streets of Mlada Boleslav in the Czech Republic.

The real-world evaluations mark Skoda's first use of an electric powertrain on the public road. The technology, which is being developed in tandem with

other Volkswagen Group companies, will give engineers an insight as to whether plug-in cars of the Octavia's size are viable yet.

It will also show the companies those aspects of the systems that need to be improved or could be developed further prior to production.

Using a total of 180 battery cells, the Octavia Green E Line can hit 62mph in 12 seconds, with a top speed of 84mph. The motor's 199lb.ft of torque is available from zero revs, making it very quick from stationary up to urban speeds.

## Wheelsanddeals

■ BMW is to complete the engine line-up for the 1 Series five-door hatchback, with three new powerplants arriving within months. The 116d EfficientDynamics will be BMW's most efficient model ever, dipping to the magic 99g/km marker and achieving 74.3mpg in EU tests. Towards the other end of the scale, the 125d and 125i are only available in M Sport trim — a new addition to the five-door hatchback range. They both feature the same power, at 215bhp, and identical 6.5-second 0-62mph acceleration times. The petrol 125i will be more costly to run, at 44.1mpg and 152g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, but costs £26,030 compared with the £27,820 125d.

■ A lower-powered diesel version of the Jaguar XF executive saloon has been unveiled, which lowers the entry price for the XF range to £29,950 on the road. The 2.2-litre four-cylinder engine, based heavily on the existing unit, has 161bhp, down from the familiar 187bhp. It takes 9.8 seconds to reach 62mph compared to the more powerful version's 8.0 seconds. It will be £1,000 cheaper than the current entry-level XF SE, which is equipped with the higher-powered diesel engine.

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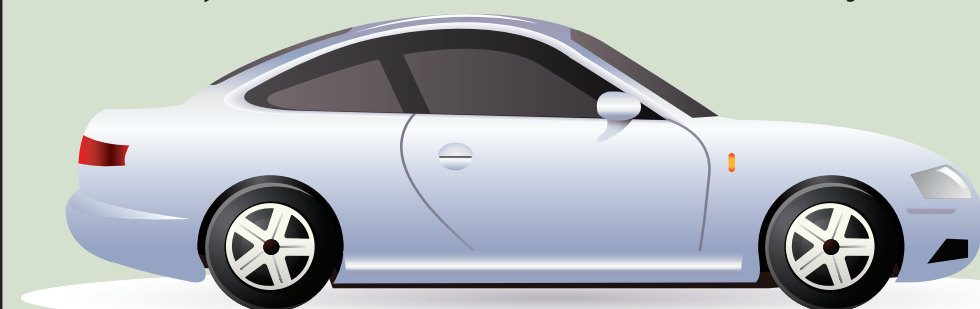
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